

To the Members of the California State Senate:

I am signing Senate Bill 976 to create the San Francisco Bay Area Water Emergency Transportation Authority. This new entity will be responsible for the coordinated response for the water ferry transportation system in time of emergency or disaster.

While I support this bill and its goals, many issues remain to be concluded to their ultimate resolution including implementation, scope of authority, and operations. These issues must be resolved in an equitable manner for the operators and passengers, both current and future. The Legislature has committed to providing that equity and I am signing this bill based on that commitment to the Bay Area. I urge the Legislature and the new created authority to work with Bay Area cities, ferry operators, commuters, and all other interested parties to ensure that equity is provided in the appropriate manner.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger